

SENIOR LEADER BIOGRAPHY

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Captain Greg Hicks was born in San Francisco, Calif., and raised in Eugene, Or. Following commissioning in 1990 through the Navy ROTC program at Oregon State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Technical Journalism, Captain Hicks reported to Navy Flight Officer School in Pensacola, Fl. Following 18-months fixed-wing and rotary-wing flight training, Captain Hicks earned his “Wings of Gold” as a Naval Aviator in 1993.

Captain Hicks then reported to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Light, Squadron 41 (HSL-41) for Fleet training in the SH-60B *Seahawk* helicopter. In 1994, Captain Hicks transferred to the “Warlords” of HSL-51 in Atsugi, Japan, as a replacement pilot and while there, amassed almost 700 hours of flight time before transitioning to Navy Public Affairs in 1996.



Captain Hicks has served since as a Public Affairs Officer in a variety of shore and sea billets. His first PAO assignment was to the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, Fallon, Nev., from 1996-98. Follow on assignments include: PAO aboard USS Harry S Truman (CVN 75) from 1998-2000; PAO at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Ca., from 2000-2002; Director of Public Affairs at the Navy Office of Information, East in New York, N.Y., from 2002-2004; and as a Press Desk Officer for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (OASD PA) from 2004-2008. At OASD PA, Captain Hicks handled press issues regarding Asia-Pacific policy - including relief efforts following the tsunami in Indonesia and Thailand in 2004; and Public Affairs plans and policy development.

Following the assignment at OASD PA, Captain Hicks attended National War College, Ft. McNair, Washington, D.C., where he earned a Masters degree in National Security Strategy. After graduation, Captain Hicks reported to Commander, U.S. Third Fleet as the PAO from 2009-2011.

Before reporting as the Director of Public Affairs, U.S. European Command, Captain Hicks served as the Deputy Chief of Information for the Navy’s Office of Information in Washington, D.C., from 2012 to mid-2013.

His awards and decorations include – the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal and other personal and unit awards.

Captain Hicks is married and has three children.